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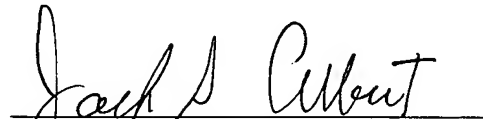
Claims 1 through 46 remain pending in the application. Claims 1, 20, 35, and 45 are the only independent claims.

Claims 1 through 17, 19 through 32, 34 through 42, and 44 through 46 have been amended to place them in better form. It is respectfully submitted that no new matter has been added.

Favorable consideration and early passage to issue of the application are earnestly solicited.

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Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Jack S. Cubert", written over a horizontal line.

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